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### Pier building work

SOUTHEND Pier will shut for more than a week as building work on a new entrance takes place.

The pier will be closed until Friday, February 1 then from Monday, February 4 to Friday, February 8.

The work on the pier entrance includes an additional café, seating area, relocation of the reception and improved provision for wheelchair users.

The council expects the entrance to be completed in May. Other refurbishment work set to take place is the

replacement of planks and ageing metalwork, likely to be finished by the summer.

Cllr James Courtenay, cabinet member for growth, said: "We have decided to push on with some major improvements to the pier during the quieter winter months so that it can be enjoyed at its best when the warmer weather arrives and the visitors flock to our shores."

"While maintenance is an ongoing task, the addition of the new visitor entrance will mean visitors get a better first impression."



IMPROVEMENTS: Southend Pier  
Photo: Martin Dalton

# WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

## Cross-border spread of land could take up to 8,000 new homes

by Michael Cox

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AN area of land spanning Rochford and Southend could have the potential to accommodate up to 8,000 homes, a council report has revealed.

The figure was included within a report that will be discussed by Rochford District Council's planning policy sub-committee this week.

The area was one of six sectors of south east Essex that was assessed for its suitability for strategic development.

But the report said the South East Essex Strategic Growth Locations Assessment found that the land north of Fossetts Farm, Garon Park

and Bournes Green Chase "is the only sector that could be suitable for strategic scale development".

It describes this type of development as around 6-8,000 homes.

The area includes green belt land but the assessment does not take into account the current green belt designation, with a separate study being commissioned to assess green belt in Rochford and Southend.

There may still be "considerable capacity" for non-strategic scale growth in the other areas, according to the report.

It said: "A potential advantage of looking to accommodate strategic scale development in a comprehensively planned way is that there is a better chance of securing the necessary infrastructure, as well as ensuring a "critical mass" of employment and other services, including schools and health centres, to ensure communities are healthy and sustainable."

But the report added that the identification of the sector does not mean that any of the land will be allocated for homes or jobs within a local plan. Rochford is in the process of creating a new local plan, which started in 2015.

The council's latest evidence on housing needs put the figure at between 330 and 362 homes per year, up from 250 in the current local development plan.

The report said that Southend, Rochford and Castle Point councils

"are unlikely to be able to meet their full need of homes, jobs and infrastructure within their existing urban areas" and that a need had arisen "to consider and assess opportunities for strategic growth across south east Essex."

The work forms part of a joint venture taking place across south Essex, including the South Essex Joint Strategic Plan.

A spokesman for the South East Essex Strategic Growth Locations Assessment said: "Local authorities have a statutory responsibility to plan for the future in seeking to meet housing and employment needs and to deliver the necessary infrastructure to support them."

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# Care firm to appeal against inadequate rating for home

by Michael Cox

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A CARE home in Little Wakering has been put into special measures after being rated "inadequate" by inspectors from the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Barling Lodge, managed by Health and Home (Essex) Limited, was given the care regulator's lowest rating after a two-day visit in November.

A report was published by CQC this month but company director Andreas Stavrinides said it is appealing the report's ratings.

Inspectors wrote that they found "continued shortfalls" in accommodation at the home, which provides care for residents including those with dementia, learning difficulties and mental health issues.

These included the maintenance of the building, its fixtures and furnishing.

The report said: "The service supported people living with dementia. No assessments had been carried out to assess what alterations and adaptations, to include suitable use of signage and decoration, were required to assist these people to orientate themselves."

The inspectors also discovered that the service provider had not identified or taken action on a large percentage of unwitnessed falls which had happened in people's rooms.

They added that concerns about care and support provided during the inspection showed that training was "not effective".



REPORT: Barling Lodge has been put into special measures following an inspection

Photo: Martin Dalton

"None of the staff we spoke with could describe the different types of abuse and the signs they would look for that might indicate a person was being abused and what they would do in response."

Parts of the home were not clean or well maintained, according to the inspectors, who added: "Two rooms smelt strongly of urine, we found some pressure mattresses required cleaning."

In a review of people's bedrooms, inspectors found many did not have toothbrushes or toothpaste, "whilst for others the toothbrushes and toothpaste was hard and appeared unused."

Other issues identified by inspectors in the report was little in the way of "meaningful activities" for residents according to their wishes.

Inspectors said they did witness examples of "positive interaction" between staff and service users.

They wrote: "We observed a staff member, supporting a person to drink. They sat at eye level with the person, made good eye contact and smiled and chatted with the person engaging with them in a nice, caring manner."

"A health professional said, 'Staff are kind and caring. We have not had any

problems or issues here'."

The care home had been rated "good" after its previous inspection in June 2016.

Mr Stavrinides claimed the latest report is "disproportionate and uncharacteristic to the niche type of residents of the home, their needs and their physical and mental health conditions".

He said: "With regards to Barling Lodge we do not share the CQC's findings. In so far as other matters the situation has not changed in any material way since the last CQC inspection to justify the marked negativity of this report."

"We apologise for not being very specific but it is not right for us to expand in more detail at a time when we are challenging the rating as well as the evidence of CQC's findings."

A CQC spokesman said: "CQC runs an open and transparent process with regard to its inspections."

"All reports are given to care providers for factual accuracy feedback prior to being published and, once published, any care provider has the right to request a rating review if they feel CQC did not follow the published process for arriving at the rating."

"We will consider any such rating review request. We will look at any rating review request that the owners of Barling Lodge put forward and, should this result in a change to the published report, including a rating, we will publish any update on our website."

Services in special measures are kept under review by CQC and will be inspected again within six months.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

●POLICE are appealing for information after a man was punched on Elderton Road, Westcliff.

The man, in his 50s, was approached by an unknown man who engaged with him verbally before punching him between 10pm and 11pm on January 11.

The victim was taken to hospital as a precaution.

The second man was described as white, in his mid-20s to early-30s, around 5ft 10ins and stocky.

He wore a burgundy hooded jacket and left the scene on foot.

Call police on 101 quoting 42/5970/19 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

●A CONSULTATION event is taking place on plans to protect Shoeburyness from tidal flooding and coastal erosion.

It is on Tuesday, February 5 between 10am and 8pm at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club.

The project covers the stretch of coast between the club and the World War II Quick Battery and includes protection to residential properties, beachfront businesses, as well as roads, railway and utilities services.

To take part in the consultation, which ends on February 18, visit [www.bettersouthend.co.uk](http://www.bettersouthend.co.uk).

●THE NHS has launched a campaign to help parents in south east Essex when their child picks up a common ailment.

Healthcare professionals have provided a guide to three common childhood health ailments - diarrhoea and vomiting; bronchiolitis and a head injury.

The materials are available from the Southend and Castle Point and Rochford Clinical Commissioning Group websites.

## Critical mass plan

From front page

"Castle Point, Rochford and Southend Councils have jointly prepared the South East Essex Strategic Growth Locations Assessment to contribute to the analysis and understanding of the options for meeting these needs."

"The assessment is not a statement of coun-

cil policy, rather it is a technical study which can inform each authority's future planning."

"The assessment considers a number of areas in south east Essex where there might be opportunities to accommodate strategic scale development."

"As indicated this a technical study to help inform future plan making, but it is

recognised there are potential benefits in looking at opportunities for strategic scale development over smaller scale incremental additions to settlements, not least a better chance of securing significant improvements to infrastructure, including roads, schools and health centres, to ensure new communities are healthy and sustainable."

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## NEWS

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# Residents face paying £24 extra for policing

ESSEX Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst has confirmed plans to increase his section of residents' council tax by an average of £2 per month.

Mr Hirst held a survey earlier this year in which he said 71 per cent of people said they would be happy to pay more tax to "improve the service".

He said that of those, 73 per cent said they were happy to pay "at least £20 a year more".

The commissioner has now announced plans to raise his portion of the council tax by £24 per year for a Band D property.

Essex Police is one of the worst-funded police forces in the UK, in terms of spending per member of the population, despite being one of the country's biggest forces.

On top of already being underfunded, the force has faced severe cuts by Government, resulting in the loss of around 800 officers since 2010.

Last year Mr Hirst raised the policing council tax precept for Essex and spent some of the money hiring an extra 150 officers.

He said money raised by this year's tax hike would pay for an extra 215 police officers, on top of the 150 already recruited, plus 50 new members of staff.

Chief Constable BJ Harrington said he "welcomed" the news, commenting: "Putting 'more fuel in the tank' gives



**SURVEY: Roger Hirst**

us more to fight and prevent crime, reduce harm and do more to get justice for people who become victims of crime."

But Essex Labour leader Ivan Henderson said it was unacceptable for the Conservative Government to axe hundreds of police officers, then charge the public higher taxes to replace some of them.

He said: "People are being asked to



**'COST-SHUNTING': Ivan Henderson**

pay more and more, but they are getting less of a service.

"This is central Government cost-shunting. We've just seen a tax cut for everybody in the Tory budget, including the highest-earners in the country, but now they are shunting costs down to lower levels of government, like councils and police commissioners, forcing people to pay more in council tax instead."

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# Jobs at risk as bank branches face chop

TWO Santander branches in Southend and Hadleigh are to shut later this year, the banking giant has announced.

The closures are among 140 across the country.

Santander said it carried out internal reviews into both branches before concluding that they would close. On its website, the bank says the Southend High Street branch will close on November 7.

Deputy leader of Southend Council, James Courtenay, said: "It is more of a challenge for some customers to access their accounts and for the High Street in general when any store leaves a building. I hope that the landlord will work hard to re-let the building, which is a prime site on the High Street, as quickly as possible and would welcome a discussion with them if they find it difficult to do so. We recognise that there may also be a number of staff at the branch affected."

"The council has been in touch with Santander to offer its support to those individuals at this difficult time."

In the case of both branches, the bank said at least half of customers use an additional branch and its mobile, online or telephone services.

The branch on London Road, Hadleigh, closes on May 23



**DECISION: Southend's Santander High Street branch is closing**

and Castle Point MP Rebecca Harris said she was extremely disappointed.

"Unfortunately this is a further sign of the changing nature of banking that has already been going on for some time, as more and more account holders are moving to online and telephone banking," she said. "Santander have assured me that current account holders will be able to do their everyday banking at the Post Office at Asifs Pharmacy on London Road."

A Santander spokesman said: "We don't take the decision to close any branch lightly and we assess each branch individually to consider the potential impact for customers and the alternative options available to bank locally."

The nearest Santander branches to Hadleigh are in Leigh or Rayleigh, 2.4 and 2.9 miles

away respectively. Southend High Street customers can go to the London Road branch.

Susan Allen, head of retail and business banking at Santander, said: "The way our customers are choosing to bank with us has changed dramatically in recent years, with more and more customers using online and mobile channels."

"As a result, we have had to take some very difficult decisions over our less visited branches, and those where we have other branches in close proximity. We will support customers of closing branches to find alternative ways to bank with us that best suit their individual needs. We are also working alongside our unions to support colleagues through these changes and to find alternative roles for those impacted wherever possible."

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Holocaust Memorial Day service outside the Mill Arts and Events Centre



# Remembering the victims of all genocides

A SERVICE was held in Rayleigh to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

The event took place to remember the victims of the Holocaust and all other genocides that have occurred since.

The service took place outside the Mill Arts and Events Centre last Friday.

It came after the nationwide Holocaust Memorial Day on Thursday, January 24, with the theme this year of Torn from Home.

The service was held next to Rochford

District Council's specially commissioned Memorial to Victims of Persecution, and conducted by Reverend David Oxtoby, chaplain to the council's chairman.

After it ended, attendees moved inside the centre to hear a talk from Holocaust survivor Leslie Kleinman and a presentation by Swayne Park School students.

The youngsters shared their reflections of visiting Poland and Auschwitz-Birkenau as part of their GCSE history studies.



Melanie Gardner, 13, from The Fitzwimarc School

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"I don't think I would be the person I am today if I hadn't had that job," she says of her time here. "The *YA* took me on without any journalism qualifications. I didn't have anything that was useful, except an instinct for a story. It was through the *YA* that I met Mad Frankie Fraser.

"I went to a party and he was there. That led to some other gangland stories, and it was those that got me my job at *The Mirror*."

Today, Fiona is the author of two hit crime thrillers and has a third, *The Neighbour*, due out in April.

She is appearing at the Essex Book Festival's Golden Age of Crime week-

end in Southend. Her new book is set around Leigh-on-Sea, where she lives with her family.

"My first book, *Rattle*, was set in London," she says. "I was living in south-east London and I knew it really well. Then we moved back to Leigh and my last two have been set here.

"It's such an atmospheric place, with its fishing history and the old town. I find myself very inspired by the water and the big sky."

Fiona quit *The Mirror* to pursue a writing career because of the demands.

"I loved being a journalist but working at the nationals, you've got to give it everything – and when I had a family, it wasn't really conducive to that."

Two illnesses in the family made her decide she wanted to spend more time with her loved ones and "focus on the things that were important".

She had not set out to become a showbiz reporter and preferred working on the newsdesk. But being first to bag the first interview with Who



SNAPSHOTS: Fiona Cummins  
Photo: Martin Dalton

Wants To Be A Millionaire? winner Judith Keppel in 2000, editor Piers Morgan moved her to showbiz.

"I was good at it but it wasn't my natural home," Fiona recalls. But she looks back fondly on a "memorable Valentine's Day evening" interviewing George Clooney in his hotel suite, and scoring Michael Jackson's only newspaper interview after his 2005 acquittal.

Her novels have been enormously influenced by her newspaper career, she says, but more from the first half of her career.

"I covered rail disasters, child abductions, terror attacks," she says. "When you're pressed up against somebody's grief and you've experienced that, that influences you."

"I covered the murder of Millie Dowler. I was in her home town when

her remains were discovered. I worked on Jill Dando's shooting. I covered the Soham murders."

But Fiona would never base a novel explicitly on a case she had covered, she says. "That makes me feel quite uncomfortable. There's a fine line between reporting the news and being intrusive, and it was always important to me to walk that line carefully."

"It's more like snapshots that stay with me. I remember rescuers telling me about going to the scene of a disaster and being able to hear mobile phones ringing in the wreckage, where people were trying to check their loved ones were okay. I draw on those sort of experiences, but I don't draw on actual, real-life events."

Fiona's first novel, *Rattle*, about a cop hunting a serial killer, sparked a bidding war between publishers in



2015. She has now been published in 15 countries. *Rattle* and its sequel, *The Collector*, have been optioned for a 10-part TV series.

Her third novel, *The Neighbour*, is about a family moving into a new home in Leigh amidst a media frenzy over a spate of killings. It is due out on April 4 but Fiona is already halfway through the next one.

"It was a real eye-opener, how slowly publishing moved, compared to newspapers," she says. "It took me a long while to get used to that."

"I normally turn in a finished book about nine months before it comes out. I'm already thinking about what five and six are going to be."

Fiona Cummins is guest speaker at The Criminally Good Afternoon Tea event at the Park Inn Palace Hotel, Southend on Sunday, March 17.

It costs £18 per person and includes food and drinks. To book, call 01206 573948 or visit [www.essexbookfestival.org.uk](http://www.essexbookfestival.org.uk).

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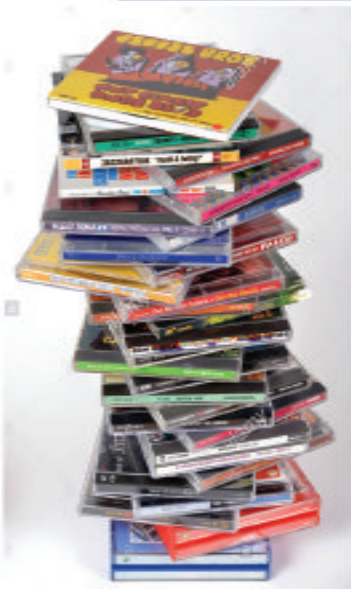


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## Making a fast buck from misery

I'VE always believed that there are two things which should not be censored - comedy and art. Both are able to move beyond simple entertainment to challenge our perceptions, even our shortcomings.

The Oscar-nominated short film *Detainment*, however, falls into neither of these categories.

This recreation of the abduction and killing of two-year-old James Bulger by Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, who themselves were only aged 10, in 1993 uses the original transcripts from the killers' police interviews.

Director Vincent Lambe has defended the film, saying it was made "in the interest of understanding why it happened in order to prevent something similar happening again in the future."

Yet at no point were James Bulger's parents, Denise Fergus and Ralph Bulger consulted or even informed.

So what we have here is not a documentary - Lambe uses actors and admits that beyond the recorded transcripts some scenes are dramatisations, which can't claim any accuracy of real events from that time, or even context because they merely cloud the facts.

It's certainly not art because rather than chal-

lenging our existing opinions of this awful crime it makes assumptions that there's something to learn from what happened.

This is just exploiting an event which shocked the nation 26 years ago. The disregard shown to Denise and Ralph, who have enough to deal with knowing their son's murderers are living with new identities, is nothing short of disgraceful and the Academy's nomination of *Detainment* is utterly puzzling.

This is not the first time filmmakers have recreated recent history, but it has rarely been done with such cynicism and disregard.

At the end of the day, people can make a choice about whether to watch *Detainment* or not.

But Lambe, and indeed the Academy should take a long, hard look at themselves.

■ There's a view - which for the most part I happen to agree with - that offence can't be given, it can only be taken.

That's why I find the sudden surge in political correctness so annoying... and dangerous.

A long line of stand-up comedians including Lenny Bruce, Bill Hicks, Andrew Dice Clay, Sarah Silverman, Frankie Boyle and many

others have used comedy to mock prejudice, bigotry, self-importance, bureaucracy, sexism and every other ism you can think of as silly, ridiculous and, ultimately powerless.

The ability to laugh at ourselves without malice is intrinsic to co-existing through celebrating our differences.

Shows such as *The Simpsons*, *South Park* and *Family Guy* have also been instrumental in pushing the boundaries with the aim of us all laughing together at the sheer audacity of it.

But now even these bastions of the outrageous have begun to cave in to the humourless holier-than-thous with the makers of *The Simpsons* writing out Apu, the Asian shopkeeper and *Family Guy*'s producers saying they will in future avoid making gay jokes - both reasoning that there is no room for stereotypes in the modern world.

I don't believe for a second that the creators of these shows actually believe that.

Caricaturing these stereotypes is the whole point of breaking them down.

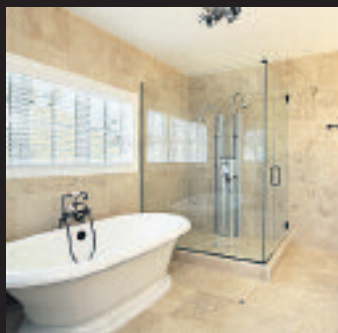
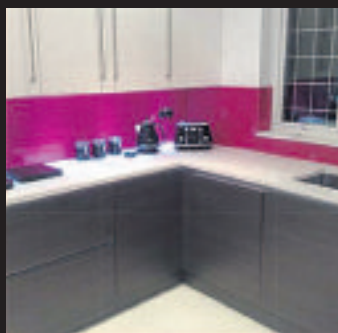
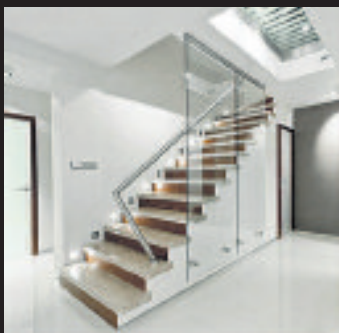
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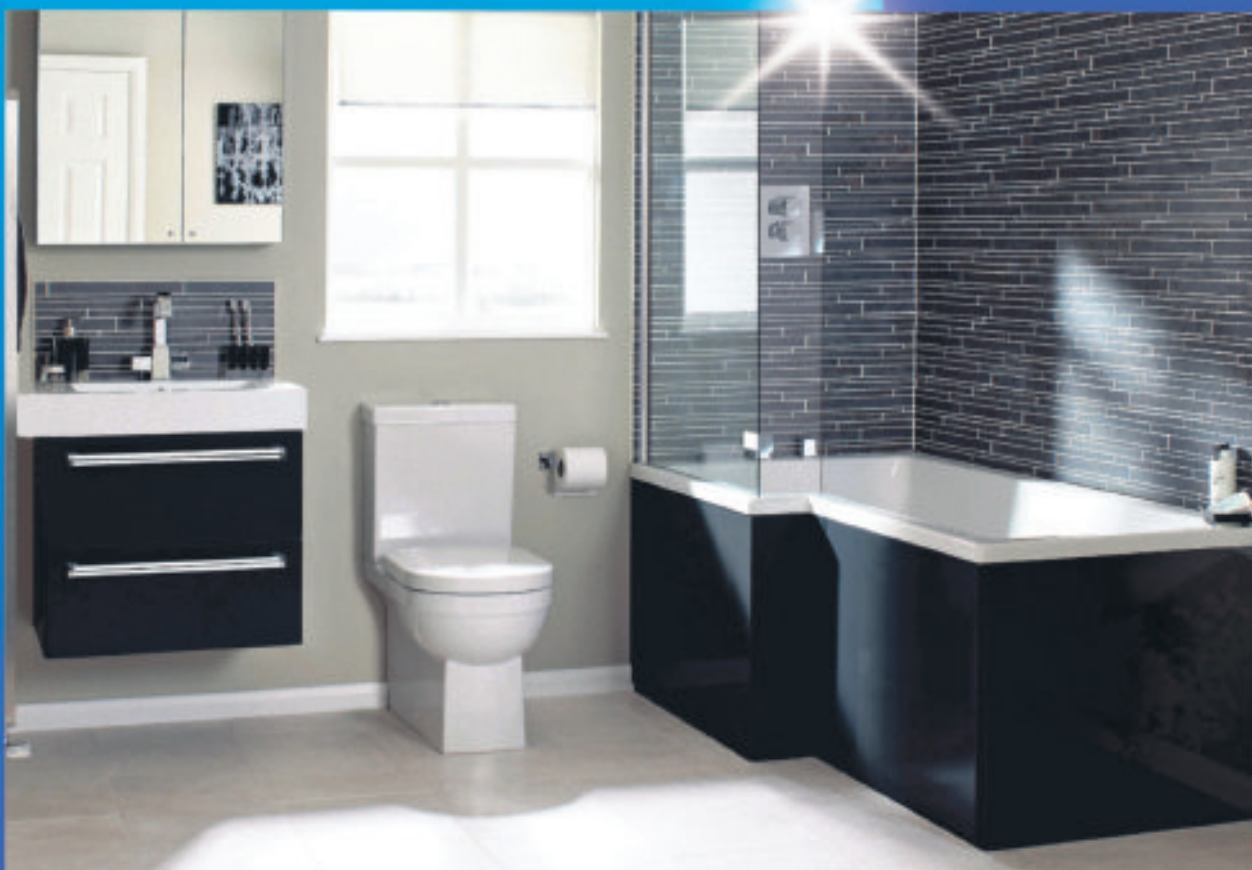
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# Schools above national average in GCSE performance rankings

SOUTHEND secondary schools performed well above the national average for GCSE results, according to Government figures.

The Department for Education released secondary school league tables last week.

Southend students performed above the national average in Attainment 8, ranking 13th in the country with a score of 52.0 compared to 46.5 nationally.

This is an improvement on the 2017 score of 50.4.

The Attainment 8 score is based on how students perform in up to eight specified subjects.

In the Progress 8 measure, which calculates the progress students make from the end of key stage two to their GCSE results, Southend is ranked 32nd with a score of 0.14 compared to the national score of minus 0.02 – an increase from last year's score of 0.06.

The borough's schools also ranked in the top ten across the country for the percentage of results at grade five or higher in English and maths combined.

More than 55 per cent of students at Southend secondary schools achieved grade five or above in English and maths combined, up from 54.1 per cent in 2017 and far above the national average of 43.3 per cent.

Grade five is regarded as a strong pass under the new examination guidelines.

The borough's top ranked school for Progress 8 was Westcliff High School for Boys, which was in the top 100 schools in the country and had a figure of 0.92 while it was second in Southend with a score of 76.5 for Attainment 8.

Headmaster Mike Skelly said: "We were delighted with our Attainment 8 and Progress 8 scores which reflect the hard work and dedication employed by our pupils and staff."

"League tables are just one measure of success of a school and we are always seeking to develop rounded individuals who have experienced education in its broadest sense."

"I would like to commend and thank all those in our school community for the commitment they have shown to their studies."

Cllr Helen Boyd, cabinet member for children and learning, congratulated pupils and staff for the boroughwide results. Even with these fantastic results, we will not rest on our laurels, we will continue to educate and guide our young people through school and onto adult working life where they can have a real impact on the future of this town," she said.



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## Councillor delivers on his promise

I WOULD like to give some credit where it is due. Although I think the current Conservative administration is a disaster for Southend, I would like to commend Councillor James Courtenay for creating the new skate-park at Warrior Square.

Over the last few years I have heard many youths request such facilities, clearly Councillor Courtenay has been listening to them too.

When he announced his intention to build a skate-park in the heart of Southend I was sceptical as to whether this would actually happen, but evidently he is delivering on his promise, hopefully it will be a success.

Jason Pilley  
Southend

## Holocaust memories moving

ST Laurence Ward councillors attended the Holocaust Memorial Service at the Civic

Centre on Thursday last.

It was absolutely moving and the theme was "Torn from home".

We heard from Dr Martin Stern MBE a moving account of his arrest at five years old with his sister, one-year-old, who were both transported to a prison camp in the Netherlands and then to a concentration camp in Prague.

Dr Stern paid tribute to those adults and children who befriended them, often at risk to their own safety.

A day to remember the sacrifices made by so many and to put in proportion the irritating problems we may all encounter in comparison.

Cllr Mark Flewitt  
St Laurence Ward

## Brexit is a return to Empirism

I'M glad to see leavers are being honest now and talking about leaving Europe.

Although where they think Europe is going...

If it's hell, as so many lip-licking wrexiteers want, I suggest our close proximity would mean we will get burned politically and economically at the very least.

We're told we have nothing to fear because we have the world's fifth largest economy. Really? Then we've not done too badly out of our membership of the EU, have we?

Is that despite Europe or because of it?

The whole point of Brexit is to be free of the shackles, our splendid negotiation making us more prosperous.

What is Brexit? It's nationalism and racism. John Bull kicking Johnny Foreigner in the whatnots. An unholy mixture of little Englandism and empirism mark two.

God help us.

As for World Trade

Organisation rules, does any leaver actually know what they are? 10 per cent added to all imported goods and no legal protection for services, which just happen to make up 80 per cent of our trade thanks to the Tories.

And do they know that our good friends in the USA aim to destroy the WTO and replace it with NAFTA, their own protectionist trade bloc?

Do they know or realise any of this? Of course not. They're blinded by their own bilious, bellicose bigotry.

They neither know nor care because Brexit has nothing to do with reason and everything

to do with all that is seen as un-English.

Paul Divine  
Westcliff

## Farewell to Labour stalwart Julian

R.I.P. Cllr Julian Ware-Lane – my predecessor as Castle Point Labour Parliamentary Candidate.

An inspiration with his ardent doorstep campaigning, intelligent and influential blogging and work as a councillor.

Ready smile and good humour. His family will miss him. We all will.

There were so many facets to Julian's life not touched on by those sentiments – his time in a punk rock band and years of football refereeing to name but two.

Etched in my memory are the frosty winter canvassing sessions we shared, exchanging concerns and solutions while barely able to speak in the freezing weather.

Farewell and thanks, Julian.  
Joe Cooke  
Thundersley  
Castle Point CLP

## Patients left waiting

by Steve Shaw

Local democracy reporter

PATIENTS are being left waiting in ambulances for more than half an hour at hospitals in Southend and Basildon.

Details of the delays have been outlined in a report from Southend's Clinical Commissioning Group.

The latest figures up to October 2018, show that in that month Basildon Hospital had 286 instances of ambulances taking more than 30 minutes to transfer a patient to A&E – the equivalent of almost 10 each day.

The delays have been increasing every month since June when they were at 113.

Delays were not as severe in Southend, which recorded 63 in October. This was a reduction from 130 the previous month and the lowest number last year.

The report notes that work had been taking place at the hospital's A&E department and it expected that once this was completed the number would drop to zero.

Dr Caroline Howard, clinical director for the Emergency Department and Medicine, said: "Work has been completed at Southend Hospital for the ground floor addition onto the Emergency Department that will help speed up assessment and treatment at peak periods

and help reduce ambulance offload times.

"Unfortunately ambulance breaches have continued since the opening for several reasons. The main reason is that the department in common to all UK departments experiences 'exitblock' most days of the week – that is when the in-patient hospital beds do not become empty as quick as possible so we are left with many patients ready to be admitted remaining in the department for a number of hours."

The new two-floor extension to the department brings a new rapid assessment and treatment area with six bays, as well as extra waiting areas and staff offices.

Dr Howard added that the extension has introduced a new way of working which staff are still getting used to and this has been made more challenging due to growing nursing and consultant vacancies.

While the CCG has not provided data for beyond October, the Rochford and Southend East Labour parliamentary candidate Ashley Dalton claimed earlier this month that Southend Hospital had 295 patients face delays of at least 30 minutes during December.

Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals Trust and Thurrock CCG had not commented by the time of going to press.

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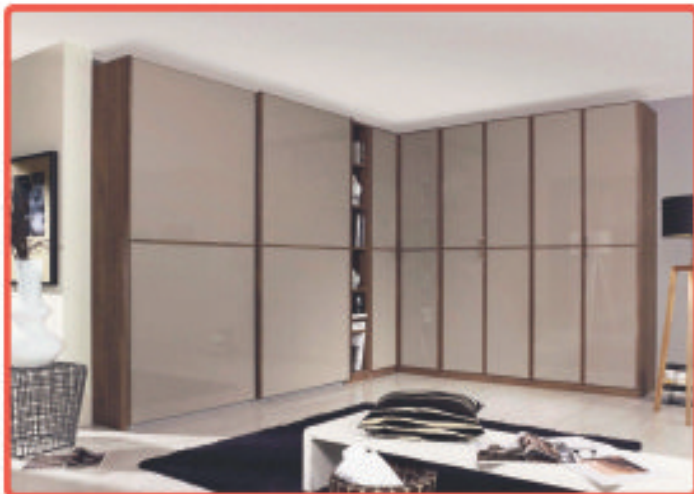
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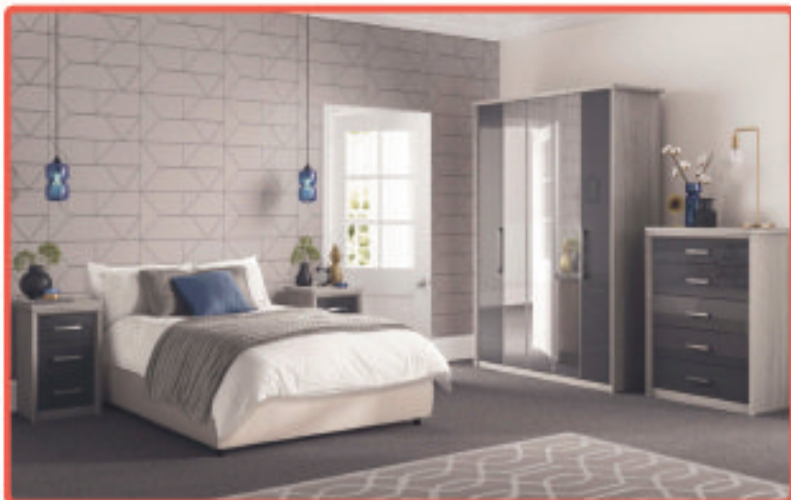
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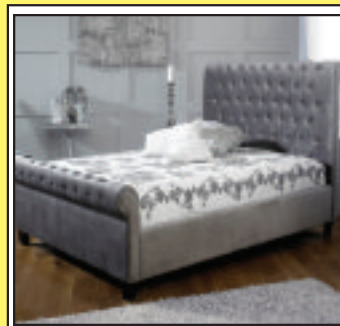
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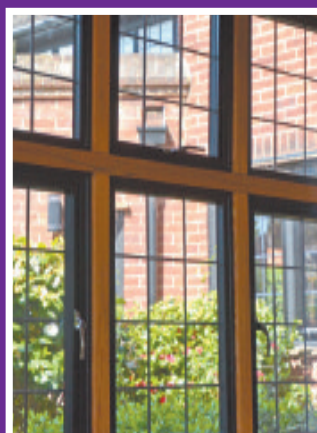
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# Southend Tamil Association and community



**The Southend Tamil Association are a community of Tamils who have a shared vision of bringing the Tamil community of Southend and its surrounding region together. Established in 2010, the association has been running successful events, the most recent being Thai Pongal.**

The meaning of Thai Pongal is a harvest festival and is celebrated in honour of the Sun. Families rejoice and share the joy and their harvests with others. The Sun is offered a "Pongal" of rice and milk. Thai Pongal in Tamil society - Eelam, Tamil Nadu and throughout many other parts of the world: There is much excitement and preparation. New clothes are made or bought. The homes and yards are cleaned days ahead. Tasty aromas of Palakaram (sweets snacks) fill the air for days beyond. On the day of Pongal - 14th Jan - early in the morning, everyone bathes and wears new clothes. Family members then jointly draw the Kolam (a decoration laid with rice).

On the 13th of January we celebrated Thai Pongal at Skylark Hotel. The celebration packed

with lots of different programmes. We had the privilege of the Member of Parliament for Southend West, Sir David Amess attend our events, the most recent being STA's Thai Pongal festival. This event was attended by over 350 people. Sir David Amess provided us with kind words and his presence was deeply appreciated. The annual Sports Day provides students and parents team sports.

The Southend Tamil Community runs the Southend Tamil Kalvikuddam every Saturday at Southend Adult Community College between 9:00am and 1:00pm to help the children thrive towards reading, writing and fluently speaking Tamil and also some other cultural arts like Miruthangam, Barathanattiyam, Vocal and Tabla, the participating students performed during the Thai Pongal celebration.





# LIFESTYLE

## LEGACY AND INSPIRATION

Lucy Porter brings her latest comedy show to Southend

by Lewis Berrill

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**"I**T'S largely about being a good person and leaving a good impression on the world and me worrying I have not done that," Lucy Porter said.

The comedian is preparing to embark on an extensive UK tour with her latest show following its debut at last year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The show, *Pass It On*, is a comedic exploration of heritage and tradition. "In the show I talk about the legacy we inherit from our parents and what we leave behind for the next generation," Lucy explained.

*Pass It On* plays at Southend's Palace Theatre on April 5.

Lucy inherited global warming, dodgy knees and a terrifying collection of glass clowns from her mum and dad; but what legacy will she leave her children and the world at large – stand-up is the most ephemeral of arts forms, will her life's work disappear when she does?

Following on from her previous Edinburgh show, *Choose Your Battles*, *Pass It On* continues Lucy's career-long trend of writing thought-provoking material.

"I always think if you are having an evening out then you want to see something that is entertaining but also makes you think about life, something to talk about in the car on the way home," she mused.

"I would say it makes for an ideal first date, or, an even better night out for long-time couples who have completely ran out of things to talk about."

The 46-year-old comic employs her characteristic mix of personal anecdotes, political observation and philosophical musing to entertain and challenge her audience. "I have been doing this for years. I have always found what works is starting with a big philosophical ques-

tion and from there fit in some smutty jokes and some sort of reference to George Michael, both of which I have achieved with this show," she quipped.

In the show, she ponders politicians' desire and failure to control the narrative of their legacies.

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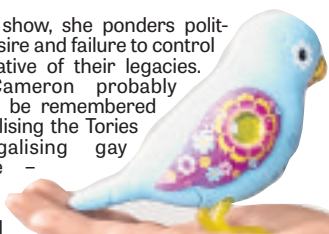
excruciatingly he will most likely be remembered for leaving his daughter in a pub, accidentally causing Brexit and that dead-pig-bothering rumour, Lucy jokes.

However, legacy does not always have to be a negative or something to stress over. Lucy, a self-described amateur expert on women's secret societies, looks to Ferguson's Gang for positive legacy inspiration.

Formed in 1927, Ferguson's Gang – described by Lucy as a "weird and mad group of wonderful posh women" – raised awareness and cash for the National Trust to protect heritage sites and rural areas.

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**I**NSPIRED by a real-life friendship, Green Book is a life-affirming comedy drama which follows the tyre tracks of Driving Miss Daisy to spark mutual appreciation between a chauffeur and his back-seat employer.

In the case of Peter Farrelly's charming picture, the lead characters – an Italian-American bouncer and a black pianist – stand on opposite sides of a racial divide at a time when American motels and restaurants could segregate or exclude clientele based on the colour of their skin.

The script co-written by Farrelly, Nick Vallelonga and Brian Currie fine-tunes conflict between the two men during an eight-week pre-Christmas concert tour, which screeches from the bright lights of New York City to the Mississippi Delta.

Viggo Mortensen gained 45lbs to convincingly portray his brutish family man, who happily devours a bucket of fried chicken behind the wheel of a rented Cadillac, tossing gnawed bones out of the driver's window.

Oscar-winning co-star Mahershala Ali walks a tightrope of repressed emotions as his mannered musician tentatively rewrites the soundtrack to a conflicted life.

Both actors are handsomely cast, exposing chinks in their characters' brittle armour as they confront insecurities far from home.

Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga (Mortensen) is a bouncer at the Copacabana nightclub on East 60th Street in 1962 New York City.

Charming in a rough-hewn manner when he needs to be, Tony isn't afraid to use his fists to silence fiery-tempered patrons.

Each night, Tony returns to a one-bed-

room apartment, where he snuggles with adoring wife Dolores (Linda Cardellini) and their two children, Nick and Frankie.

During the winter, the club is closed for renovations ahead of the arrival of Sammy Davis Jr, so Frank accepts an offer from refined pianist Don Shirley (Ali) to chauffeur him on an eight-week tour that will take in

Marinov) and double bassist George Dyer (Mike Hatton).

"You going through the Deep South... there's gonna be problems," Tony tells his beautifully tailored employer.

Tony and Don initially clash, but as the tour gathers momentum, they learn valuable life lessons from each other.

heart-tugging drama and culture-clash comedy.

Mortensen and Ali are a delightful double-act and Cardellini offers compelling support as the proud spouse, who makes her embarrassed husband promise to "write me a letter every chance you get".

He obliges and Farrelly's picture pens its



**DOUBLE ACT:** Viggo Mortensen as Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga and Mahershala Ali as Don Shirley  
PA Photo/Universal Studios/Patti Perret

"You don't win with violence, Tony," the pianist admonishes his hulking protector. "You win when you maintain your dignity."

Green Book makes exceedingly light work of a 130-minute running time, deftly juggling

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### Saturday, February 2

- Hearts and flowers coffee morning – Canvey Methodist Church, Waarden Road, 10.30am to noon.
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### Sunday, February 3

- Jazz – Royal British Legion, Northview Drive, Westcliff, Ron Spack's Jazz Trio with Dave Jago, trombone, 1pm, free admission. Details: 01702 347581.
- Family service – Christ Church, Wickford, 10.30am.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, 9.15am-12.15pm. 01277 627043.
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- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 07757 658799.

### Monday, February 4

- Walking football sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 6-7pm, £2 per session.
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- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, Bowers and Pitsea Football Club, Crown Avenue, Pitsea. SS13 2BE. 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
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### Tuesday, February 5

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- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY. 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Folk Music – The Hov at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 71511.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
- Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
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- Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, 01268 498642.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, supporting people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
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- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, Basildon, SS14 2TJ, 9.30am-2pm.
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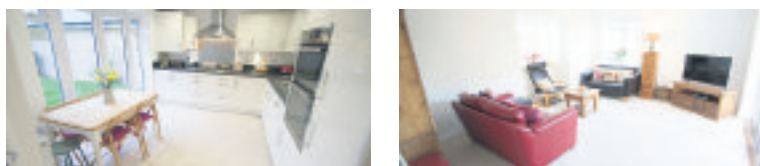
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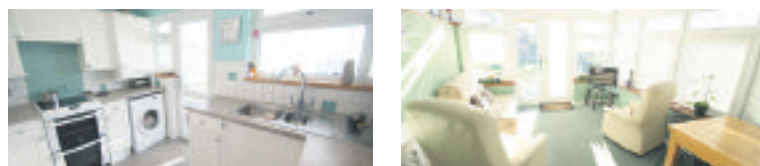
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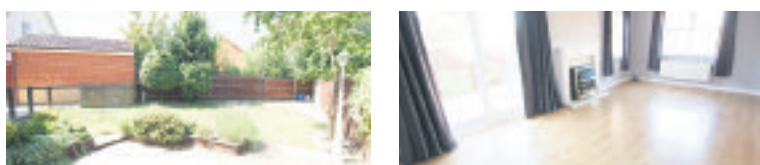
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## More drivers make switch to electric

by Mike Torpey

UK electric car registrations continue to set records as latest figures place the total number of new 100 per cent electric and plug-in hybrid cars registered last year at 59,911.

That return makes it the most successful year for electric cars to date and equates to one new electric car registration every nine minutes in the UK.

The total also means the market grew by 19 per cent compared to 2017.

The end-of-year figure marks a continued trend of consumers and businesses switching to ultra-low emission vehicles.

The fourth quarter of the year saw a further 15,057 plug-in cars registered between October and December in 2018.

Once again plug-in hybrids accounted for the bulk of the market with 74 per cent of registrations.

Pure electric cars also saw a significant boost in 2018, up 14 per cent on the previous year and taking the number of 100 per cent electric and plug-in hybrid cars registered in



CHARGING AHEAD: The Kia e-Niro

the UK to date to 196,343.

From a regional perspective, the South East saw the highest demand across the nation, with 21,383 pure electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles

registered – a 24 per cent increase on 2017.

Other leading regions include the West Midlands (8,601), South West (8,354), East Anglia (5,672), and

Yorkshire and the Humber (5,344), making up the top five British regions for electric car uptake.

Last year was the seventh consecutive year of growth for the

electric car market, thanks to the increasing number of models available for consumers and businesses, as well as a trend for consumers making more sustainable choices.

In fact, recent research by Go Ultra Low found that nearly a fifth of Brits would like to make the switch to an electric vehicle in 2019.

The year ahead certainly has the potential to be another strong year for registrations as a range of new models are set to hit the market, including the new all-electric Kia e-Niro, Audi e-tron and recently announced Nissan LEAF which will feature an increased battery size.

Poppy Welch, the head of Go Ultra Low, said: "In the context of the wider new car market, it is fantastic to see plug-in car registrations continue to go from strength-to-strength."

"Looking at the year ahead, 2019 is set to be a pivotal one for the electric car market."

"With even more new models being released, coupled with the introduction of initiatives such as London's Ultra Low Emission Zone, we're confident that the next 12 months will be a landmark year for the nation's switch to electric."

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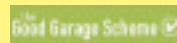
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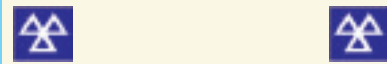
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Notice is hereby given that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 45, 46, 46A, 47, 49, 53 and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance to Part III of Schedule 9 to the act of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 the effect of which will amend the above-mentioned Consolidation Order by the adding and deleting of the items listed below and the updating of Map Title Schedules T18.

To introduce No Waiting at Any Time on the following lengths of Road

Road	Side of Road	Proposed Description
Whitegate Road	North-West	Opposite Nos 68/70 Whitegate Road to opposite No. 82/84 Whitegate Road
Whitegate Road	South	From a point approx. 2m east of the west flank wall of No. 82 Whitegate Road to a point approx. 1.5m west of the common boundary between Nos 70 & 72 Whitegate Road

To introduce a Payment Parking Zone (TC 9.00am - 6.00pm) (Tariff 1) on the following length of Road

Road	Side of Road	Proposed Description
Whitegate Road	North	Opposite Nos. 44 to 68 Whitegate Road

#### REVOCATIONS

**THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (STOPPING, WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, PARKING PLACES AND PERMIT PARKING ZONES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2016**

No Waiting at Any Time - Whitegate Road item nos. 107771, 107758, 107773 & 107759

Payment Parking Zone TC - Whitegate Road Item Nos 107770, 107772, 107760 & 107761

Copies of the draft Order, plan and Statement of the Council's Reasons for proposing to make the Order may be viewed at the Contact Centre on the ground floor of the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours. Documents can also be viewed online at <http://www.southendtraffweb.co.uk/consult/main.html> and/or [http://www.southend.gov.uk/downloads/200434/traffic\\_regulation\\_orders](http://www.southend.gov.uk/downloads/200434/traffic_regulation_orders)

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**THE BOROUGH OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**  
**(Various Roads)(Consolidation of Moving Traffic and Speed Limit)**  
**Order 2006 (As Amended) (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2019**  
**Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

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#### SCHEDULE 1 - ADDITIONS

The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads)(Consolidation of Moving Traffic And Speed Limit) Order 2006 (As Amended) - Schedule 2 - One-Way Streets

Road	Description	Direction of Permitted Movement
Whitegate Road	From its junction with Chichester Road to a point opposite the common boundary of Nos 70/72 Whitegate Road	Eastwards

#### SCHEDULE 2 - REVOCATION

The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads)(Consolidation of Moving Traffic And Speed Limit) Order 2006 (As Amended) - Schedule 2 - One-Way Streets  
 Item No. 347a - Whitegate Road

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**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**Section 23 Pedestrian Crossings**

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# OVER AND DON

## Hammers suffer embarrassing exit from Emirates FA Cup

### Football

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**Wimbledon 4-2 West Ham Utd**  
WEST HAM'S involvement in this season's Emirates FA Cup was brought to a chilling conclusion as they were embarrassingly beaten by Sky Bet League One strugglers AFC Wimbledon on Saturday.

Despite facing a Dons side struggling for form, Manuel Pellegrini was mindful that his side had struggled on their previous visit to Kingston for a second round Carabao Cup tie in August.

"It is very important for us to continue in the FA Cup," the Chilean explained.

"It would be a mistake for us to be complacent against Wimbledon."

With the troubled hosts propping up their division, boss Wally Downes, sought solace from the tie.

However, the one-time midfielder was realistic about his side's chances, saying: "Going head-to-head with a Premier League team you're going to come unstuck nine times out of ten."

Pellegrini made six changes to the side which had slipped to a Premier League defeat at AFC Bournemouth last week. But despite announcing via social media that he intended to remain with the club, there was no place for Marko Arnautovic. Andy Carroll continuing to lead the line alongside Javier Hernandez.

The home side certainly made life uncomfortable for West Ham during the early stages. Terrell Thomas perhaps should have done better, snapping at his opportunity and firing over after Dylan Connolly had provided him with a clear sight of goal. Meanwhile, Adrian produced an unorthodox save from Mitch Pinnock's angled dead-ball attempt.

Dons stopper Aaron Ramsdale saved from Hernandez after Mark Noble had picked him out. Then, the Mexican drilled the wrong side of an upright after Carroll had nodded down as the Hammers looked to settle.

Wimbledon were looking the



**BREAKTHROUGH: AFC Wimbledon's Kwesi Appiah scores his side's first goal**  
Photo: Daniel Hambury/PA Wire

more likely side. Pinnock, who was at the heart of almost everything the south Londoners created, headed directly at the grateful Adrian.

Then, with their next meaningful foray forward, they grabbed the lead. Kwesi Appiah's right-footed attempt deceived Adrian, spinning away and into the back of the net.

West Ham were stunned and their problems soon deepened. Scott Wagstaff raced clear, held his nerve, and supplied a cool finish to double the Dons' advantage.

Pellegrini, unquestionably disgusted with what he had witnessed, made a triple-change at the break, bringing on Felipe Anderson, Lucas Perez and Ryan Fredericks for Carroll, Pedro Obiang and Grady Diangana. However, the Hammers' miserable evening continued after the restart. Wagstaff added his second with a cheeky finish from 12 yards after Appiah had fashioned an opening.

Substitute Lucas Perez pulled one back for the Hammers, firing left-footed through a crowded six-yard box after the Wimbledon back-line failed to clear the initial danger.

Then, the previously ineffective Michail Antonio was a whisker away as West Ham looked to reduce the deficit further.

Will Nightingale's clumsy challenge on Robert Snodgrass provided Anderson with the chance. And the Brazilian didn't disappoint, curling a brilliant free-kick over the wall and beyond the stranded Ramsdale to set up a grandstand finish.

But in a frantic finale Wimbledon's teenage substitute Toby Sibbick arrived to head home Anthony Wordsworth's pinpoint centre to provide the shock of the round.

There was still time for Ramsdale to deny Antonio in stoppage-time, but the League One side had thoroughly deserved their success.

Pellegrini was clearly upset after the game and admitted he was angry with his side at the interval. "I was ashamed of them," he said.

Despite the poor display, the Hammers boss insisted his side wanted to win the tie. "No, you always want to win, but you must reflect that in your attitude not just in your mind.

"We have a lot of experience in this type of competition, where the lowest team plays one hundred per cent with attitude, and the big team think they are going to win because they have more names.

"But in football, you can lose in two or three balls. They started the way we needed to start and when

you have such a high pace with the quality of the players and we didn't have the same."

But Pellegrini was graceful in defeat, admitting that Wimbledon fully deserved their success.

"Yes, of course, it was great for Wimbledon because it is a team that from the first minute to the last minute they want to win the game and fight for every ball as if it were the last and against them they had a team which didn't have any desire to win."

West Ham face Liverpool at the London Stadium on Monday February 4 (8pm).

**AFC Wimbledon:** Aaron Ramsdale, Tennai Watson, Deji Oshilaja (capt), Will Nightingale, Terrell Thomas, Scott Wagstaff, Kwesi Appiah (Jake Jervis 76'), Mitch Pinnock (Tom Soares 65'), Dylan Connolly (Toby Sibbick 86'), Rod McDonald, Anthony Wordsworth Subs not used: Joe McDonnell, Tyler Garrett, Liam Trotter, Joe Pigott

**West Ham United:** Adrian, Andy Carroll (Lucas Perez 46'), Robert Snodgrass, Pedro Obiang (Felipe Anderson 46'), Mark Noble (capt), Javier Hernandez, Angelo Ogbonna, Issa Diop, Arthur Masuaku, Michail Antonio, Grady Diangana (Ryan Fredericks 46') Subs not used: Lukasz Fabianski, Nathan Holland, Declan Rice, Connor Coventry

**Referee:** Anthony Taylor  
**Assistants:** Lee Betts, Gary Beswick  
**Fourth Official:** Kevin Friend  
**Attendance:** 4,777

### Non-league football

## Orient retain their spot at top of table

LEYTON ORIENT returned to form and maintained their place at the top of the National League table with a comfortable 3-0 victory over struggling Maidstone United at Brisbane Road.

Jordan Maguire-Drew scored his first goal for the club to hand the O's the lead before the break. Then leading marksman, Macauley Bonne took his tally for the season to 20 with a second-half brace, the latter from the penalty spot, to stretch their lead at the summit to three points.

Conor Wilkinson gave Dagenham & Redbridge the lead against relegation-threatened Aldershot Town at Victoria Road. But Peter Taylor's men had to settle for a point after Bernard Mensah levelled for the battling Shots.

Justin Amaluzor gave Braintree Town a surprise first-half lead at Hartlepool United. But the division's bottom side were unable to hang on and were beaten by goals from Nicke Kabamba and Josh Hawkes.

Billericay Town gave returning manager Harry Wheeler a welcome homecoming after second-half goals from Kieron Cadogan and Adam Coombes ensured a 2-0 triumph over Welling United at the AGP Arena.

Chelmsford City won 3-1 at Dulwich Hamlet. Chris Whelpdale bagged a brace, while Mikhail Kennedy was also on target for the Claret.

Michael Chambers received his marching orders for the frustrated home side.

East Thurrock United won on the road at Eastbourne Borough. Sam Higgins gave the Rocks an early lead from the spot. Sam Ashford added a second to confirm a 2-0 victory.

Jack Midson's penalty earned Concord Rangers a 1-1 draw at Dartford. Lee Minshull saw red for the Beach Boys. Former Concord man Ben Greenhalgh had given the hosts the lead midway through the opening period.

AFC Hornchurch suffered a disappointing afternoon as Merstham beat them 3-0.

Lewis Manor hit the winning goal as Bostik North leaders Bowers & Pitsea won a titanic top of the table clash with Aveley at Parkside.

Heybridge Swifts remain in contention after goals from Luke Wilson and Kreshnic Krasniqi helped them to a 2-0 victory over AFC Sudbury.

First-half goals from Marlon Agaykwa and Josh Hutchinson ensured Canvey Island a 2-0 derby success over old adversaries Grays Athletic at Park Lane. Meanwhile, a last-gasp strike from Rhys Fatt gave Basildon United the points at Mildenhall Town.

Witham Town and Barking drew 1-1 - Johnny Ashman gave Town the lead before Joe Bruce earned the east London side a point ten minutes from time.

Great Wakering Rovers went down by a single-goal at Felixstowe & Walton United and there were big home defeats for Romford and Tilbury who crashed 4-0 and 3-0 to Bury Town and Soham Town Rangers respectively.

Saffron Walden Town were the big winners of the day in the Essex Senior League with a 7-0 win over Leyton Athletic while Walthamstow beat Redbridge 5-1.

West Essex eased to a 5-2 win over Enfield 1893 and there was a 4-1 victory for Barkingside over Sawbridgeworth Town. Ilford won 2-0 at Southchurch Park against Southend Manor, while Takeley also picked up an away win, beating Clapton 2-1 at the Old Spotted Dog.

Tower Hamlets and Hullbridge Sports played out a 1-1 draw.

In selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League, Canning Town were resounding 4-1 Premier Division winners over Great Baddow. Leigh Ramblers took the points following a pulsating derby victory over Old Southendian at Belfairs Park, while Manford Way edged out Rayleigh Town 3-2. Bishop's Stortford Swifts managed a single goal triumph against Hutton.

Galleywood thrashed Old Chelmsfordians 5-1 in Division One.

## Battling Blues bettered by high-flying Hatters

**Southend United 0-1 Luton Town**  
By Brian Jeeves

CHRIS POWELL was left frustrated as his Southend United side slipped to their 15th Sky Bet League One defeat of the season as high-flying Luton Town plundered maximum points at Roots Hall Stadium.

Blues produced a battling performance but created very little in the way of genuine opportunities. And that proved frustrating as the Hatters held on to Matty Pearson's headed goal shortly before the half-hour mark, extending their own unbeaten league sequence to sixteen matches.

"We played a very good side and we were prepared for it, but you can see why they are where they are and I felt, even though it was a tough game, we've been beaten by a set-play and that's it," Powell told [www.southendunited.co.uk](http://www.southendunited.co.uk).

"We were ultimately beaten by a good ball in and one of our defenders not marking Pearson. So it's an uphill struggle, it's a tough game with a few chances for us but I felt we just needed to have a bit more devilment in that final third and maybe our final ball was lacking.

"We didn't fashion as many chances as we would have liked, but we had to be on our guard defensively today. Nathan Bishop made some good saves, especially one at the start of the second half which kept us in the game, and I just wanted us to have a few more efforts."

The Blues chief continued: "I think Cox's strike with his left foot was well saved by [James] Shea, but I just felt we could have done that a bit more, but we knew it was going to be a tough game. You take the set-play out, even if you're under the cosh, you take a 0-0 but unfortunately for us we don't do

many draws."

Southend United return to Sky Bet League One action on Saturday, February 2 when Bristol Rovers visit Roots Hall Stadium (3pm).

**Southend United:** Bishop, Bwomono, Turner, Dieng, Cox, Yearwood (Kelman 69'), Mantom (capt) (McLaughlin 84'), Moore, Humphrys, Hart, White. Subs not used: Smith, Kightly, Klass, Robinson, Hutchinson  
**Luton Town:** Shea, Justin McCormack, Bradley (capt), Pearson, Stacey, Berry, Shinnie, Mpanzu, Collins, LuaLua (Moncur 86'). Subs not used: Isted, Potts, Thorne, Jarvis, Jones, Sheehan  
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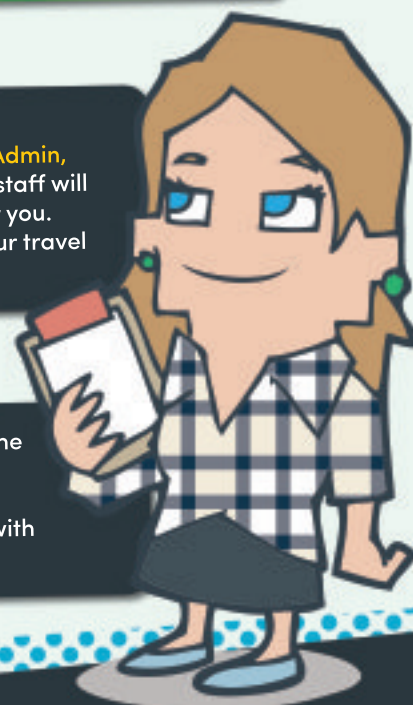
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